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On May 23, 2003, Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment (mailed on May 19, 2003) in the above-captioned application, indicating that no reply had been received. Applicant submits that an Appeal Brief was mailed on December 18, 2002 with a proper certificate of mailing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a). Applicant has not received the return receipt postcard included with the Appeal Brief. Applicant believes the Appeal Brief was misplaced by the U.S. Postal Service or by the Patent Office.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a), attached please find a copy of the originally submitted Appeal Brief, Amendment, Marked-up Copy of Amended Claims, Fee Authorization form and the return receipt postcard, indicating that they were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on December 18, 2002. In addition, Applicants' representative attaches a statement indicating that the Appeal Brief and supporting

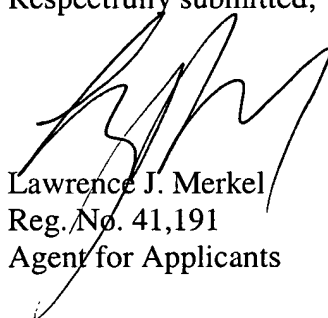
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A Fee Authorization form is enclosed for the Petition Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). No additional fees are believed to be due, however, should any additional fees be required the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5500-46300/LJM.

Respectfully submitted,


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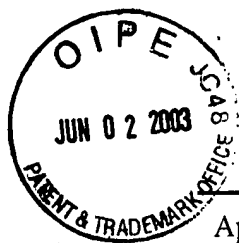
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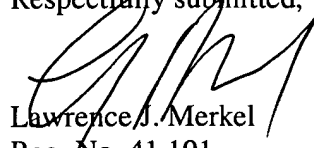
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Sir:

According to my billing records, I filed the Appeal Brief for the above-captioned application on December 18, 2002 (a copy of the Appeal Brief is attached). I signed the certificate of mailing and dated it December 18, 2002. I returned the Appeal Brief and supporting papers (an amendment, a marked-up copy of the amended claims, a Fee Authorization Form, and a return postcard) to my assistant for mailing on December 18, 2002. It is my assistant's standard practice to mail papers having a certificate of mailing on the date indicated in the certificate. My assistant's standard practice is to place the papers in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and to give the envelope to the mail clerk, who applies sufficient postage and deposits the mail with the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, I submit that I have reasonable basis to believe that the Appeal Brief and supporting documents were mailed on December 18, 2002. Statements above are made according to my personal knowledge.

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